

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 363
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A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Jack W. Robinson, Sr.
upon his meritorious public service as Recorder
for the Uniform Probate Code Study Committee.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pay tribute to those exemplary professionals who have given unreservedly of themselves to promote and perpetuate the public good; and

WHEREAS, Jack W. Robinson, Sr. of Nashville, an attorney respected and admired throughout Tennessee's legal community, is one such stellar public servant who is deserving of special recognition; and

WHEREAS, a partner in the Nashville law firm of Gullett, Sanford, Robinson and Martin, Mr. Robinson has astutely practiced law with this firm since 1964 with an emphasis on probate law; and

WHEREAS, a nationally renowned expert in probate law, this outstanding gentleman is the co-author of the fourth and fifth editions of *Pritchard on Wills and Administration of Estates*, which includes three volumes on Tennessee law; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Robinson also serves with distinction as editor of *Tennessee Will Manual* and is the author of numerous articles on probate-related subjects; and

WHEREAS, he is a Fellow of the American College of Trust and Estate Counsel and a valuable member of various law-related organizations; and

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WHEREAS, the very epitome of the consummate professional and an accomplished attorney, Mr. Robinson formerly served with probity and integrity as the President of the Nashville Bar Association and General Counsel of the Tennessee Bar Association; and

WHEREAS, most recently, Mr. Robinson has evidenced his inestimable value as a public servant by means of his exemplary service as a member of and Recorder for the Uniform Probate Code Study Committee; and

WHEREAS, charged with the responsibility of studying the Uniform Probate Code and then recommending any necessary statutory revisions to the existing probate laws in Tennessee, the committee tirelessly devoted six months to an extensive review and analysis of the many complex issues involved in probate law; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Robinson's scholarly, yet practical, mind and his encyclopedic knowledge of probate law were invaluable to the committee as they exhaustively studied the Uniform Probate Code and Tennessee's probate laws, vigorously debated differing philosophies, formulated for careful consideration some twenty pertinent topics, and eventually recommended fifteen separate statutory revisions; and

WHEREAS, through his erudition and expertise, Mr. Robinson was a major contributor to the excellent work product of the committee as a whole; and

WHEREAS, he was the primary drafter of the committee's comprehensive legislation to effect the simplification, clarification and improvement of Tennessee's probate laws and to expedite and make more economical the state's probate system; and

WHEREAS, he drafted this legislation and the committee's final report to the General Assembly with meticulous attention to detail, while remaining focused on the larger issues of probate law reform; and

WHEREAS, a native of Carthage, Tennessee, Mr. Robinson earned his bachelor of science degree from the University of Tennessee at Knoxville and his doctor of jurisprudence

degree from George Washington University, where he was honored by selection to the Order of the Coif; and

WHEREAS, Jack W. Robinson, Sr. is an astute attorney and a learned scholar in probate law who should be commended for his important role in clarifying, simplifying and improving Tennessee's probate laws and probate system; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE-HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we hereby honor Jack W. Robinson, Sr. upon his meritorious public service as Recorder for the Uniform Probate Code Study Committee; salute his exemplary career in the law as an attorney of great ability and irreproachable integrity; and extend to him our best wishes for every continued success in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.